

VOTING RIGHTS ACT REAUTHORIZATION AND AMENDMENTS ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 8 to 3, a structured rule providing 90 minutes of general debate on H.R. 9, Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006, equally divided and controlled by the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader or their designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

OVERSIGHT—WRIGHT AMENDMENT REFORM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held an oversight hearing entitled "Reforming the Wright Amendment." Testimony was heard from Representatives Hall, Barton of Texas, Sam Johnson of Texas, Granger, Hensarling and Burgess; Michael Cirillo, Vice President, System Operations, Air Traffic Organization, FAA, Department of Transportation; the following Mayors of Texas: Laura Miller, Dallas; and Mike Moncrief, Fort Worth; and public witnesses.

REAUTHORIZATION APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION—CREATE ADDITIONAL REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management held a hearing on the Reauthorization of the Appalachian Regional Commission and proposals to Create Additional Regional Economic Development Authorities. Testimony was heard from Representatives Bass, McHugh and McIntyre; the following officials of the Appalachian Regional Commission: Anne B. Pope, Fed-

eral Co-Chair; and Steve Robertson, Alternate to the States' Co-Chair; and public witnesses.

VETERANS' MEMORIAL MARKER ACT OF 2006

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 5038, Veterans' Memorial Marker Act of 2006.

U.S.-PERU TRADE PROMOTION AGREEMENT

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on the implementation of the U.S.-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement. Testimony was heard from Everett Eissenstat, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for the Americas; and public witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D752)

H.R. 889, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2006, to make technical corrections to various laws administered by the Coast Guard. Signed on July 11, 2006. (Public Law 109-241)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to mark up H.R. 5672, making appropriations for Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and an original bill making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, 2 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine military commissions in light of the Supreme Court decision in *Hamdan v. Rumsfeld*, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on the Budget: business meeting to consider the nomination of Stephen S. McMillin, of Texas, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine unmanned aerial systems in Alaska, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine H.R. 5254, to set schedules for the consideration of permits for refineries, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed revisions to the particulate matter air quality standards, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Eric Solomon, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Tax Policy, 10 a.m., SD-215.